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USER MANUAL

Model:

VS-808DS

8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler

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1 Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics (since 1981): a world of unique, creative and affordable solutions to the infinite range of problems that confront the video, audio and presentation professional on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better! Our 500-plus different models now appear in 8 Groups¹, which are clearly defined by function.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VS-808DS** 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler! It is ideal for:

- Audio/video duplication
- Production studios
- Professional presentation systems

The package includes the following items:

- VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler
- Power cord and Null-modem adapter
- Windows®-based Kramer control software²
- Remote IR cable (optional)
- Infra-red remote control transmitter (including the required batteries and a separate user manual³) and this user manual³

2 Getting Started

We recommend that you:

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packaging materials for possible future shipment
- Review the contents of this user manual
- Use Kramer high performance high resolution cables⁴

2.1 Quick Start

This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation:

⁴ The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com



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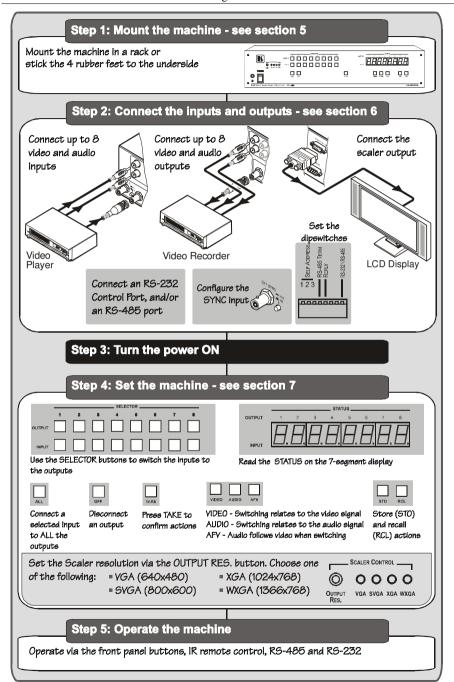
¹ GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Video and Audio Switchers, Matrix Switchers and Controllers; GROUP 3:

Video, Audio, VGA/XGA Processors; GROUP 4: Interfaces and Sync Processors; GROUP 5: Twisted Pair Interfaces;

GROUP 6: Accessories and Rack Adapters; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; and GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors

² Downloadable from our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com

³ Download up-to-date Kramer user manuals from our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com



3 Overview

The **VS-808DS** 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler is a high performance matrix switcher for composite video and unbalanced stereo audio signals. It lets you simultaneously route any or all of the eight inputs to any or all of the eight outputs, plus one scaled output¹ (that is, output 8 also goes to the Scaler). Switching during the vertical interval ensures glitch-free switching with genlocked sources.

The **VS-808DS** features:

- A video bandwidth of 200MHz that ensures transparent performance even in the most critical applications
- Switching synchronization that lets you synchronize either to the external reference or to the incoming video
- Both audio-follow-video and breakaway options
- The storing of eight setups² (presets) to be recalled and executed when needed
- A TAKE button for executing multiple switches all at once
- The ability to control via the front panel buttons, via the infra-red remote control transmitter, via an external remote IR receiver (optional³) and remotely by RS-485 or RS-232 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller
- Scaled graphics output resolutions: VGA (640x480), SVGA (800x600), XGA (1024x768), or WXGA (1366x768)
- Acceptance of PAL-B/D/G/H/I, NTSC 3.58, and NTSC 4.43 video formats

The **VS-808DS** is housed in a 19" 2U rack-mountable enclosure and is fed from a 100-240 VAC universal switching power supply.

To achieve the best performance:

- Connect only good quality connection cables, thus avoiding interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances and position your VS-808DS away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

4 Your VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler

This section defines the front and rear panels of the **VS-808DS** 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler:

³ Kramer P/N: 95-0103050)



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¹ The signal that is converted via the scaled output is the input signal that is routed to output 8

² Note, that the saved setup does not include the scaler setup

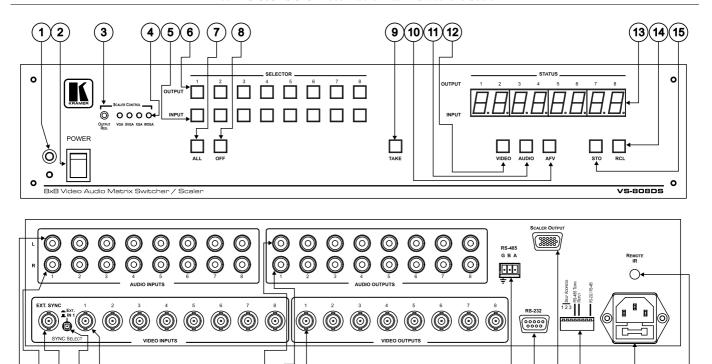


Figure 1: VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler Front Panel

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Table 1: VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler Front Panel Features

#	Feature		Function				
1	IR Receiver		The red LED is illuminated when receiving signals from the infra-red remote control transmitter				
2	POWER	Switch	Illuminated switch for turning the unit ON or OFF				
3	OUTPUT RES. Button LEDs Light the specific resolution selected via the OUTPUT RES. button: (640x480), SVGA (800x600), XGA (1024x768), or WXGA (1366x76).						
4	SCA	LEDs	Light the specific resolution selected via the OUTPUT RES. button: VGA (640x480), SVGA (800x600), XGA (1024x768), or WXGA (1366x768)				
5	INPUT S Buttons	ELECTOR	Select the input to switch to the output (from 1 to 8)				
6	OUTPUT Buttons	SELECTOR	Select the output to which the input is switched (from 1 to 8)				
7	ALL Butt	on	Pressing ALL followed by an INPUT button, connects that input to all outputs ¹				
8	OFF Button		An OFF-OUT combination disconnects that output from the inputs; an OFF-AL combination disconnects all the outputs				
9	TAKE Button		Pressing TAKE toggles the mode between the Confirm mode ² and the At Once mode (user confirmation per action is unnecessary). When in TAKE mode, pressing TAKE implements the action				
10	AFV Butt	ton	When pressed (illuminates), actions relate to video and audio channels. Audio channels follow the video channels				
11	AUDIO E	Button	When pressed (illuminates), actions relate to audio, and display shows audio status				
12	VIDEO Button		When pressed (illuminates), actions relate to video, and display shows video status				
13	STATUS 7-segment Display		Displays the selected input switched to the output (marked above each input). Also displays the firmware version number and the MACHINE #				
14	RCL (Re	call) Button	Pressing the RCL button and the corresponding OUTPUT key recalls a setup from the non-volatile memory				
15	STO (Sto	ore) Button	Pressing STO followed by an output button stores the current setting				

² When in Confirm mode, the TAKE button illuminates



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¹ For example, press ALL and then Input button # 2 to connect input # 2 to all the outputs

Table 2: VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler Rear Panel Features

#	Feature	Function
16	AUDIO INPUT L RCA Connectors	Connect to the LEFT audio sources (from 1 to 8)
17	AUDIO INPUT R RCA Connectors	Connect to the RIGHT audio sources (from 1 to 8)
18	EXT. SYNC BNC Connector	Connect to an external SYNC
19	SYNC SELECT EXT. / IN 1 Pushbutton	Press to select the external SYNC, release to select the SYNC from input 1
20	VIDEO INPUT BNC Connectors	Connect to the composite video sources (from 1 to 8)
21	AUDIO OUTPUT L RCA Connectors	Connect to the LEFT audio acceptors (from 1 to 8)
22	AUDIO OUTPUT R RCA Connectors	Connect to the RIGHT audio acceptors (from 1 to 8)
23	VIDEO OUTPUT BNC Connectors	Connect to the composite video acceptors (from 1 to 8)
24	RS-485 Terminal Block Port	Pin G is for Ground connection ¹ ; Pins B (-) and A (+) are for RS-485
25	RS-232 DB 9F Port	Connects to the PC or the Remote Controller
26	SCALER OUTPUT HD15 Connector	Connects to the video acceptor that displays the scaled output ²
27	Dipswitches	Dipswitches for setup of the unit (1, 2, and 3 are for setting the Machine # (SELF ADDRESS), 4 is for RS-485 Termination, 5 is for Reply, and 8 is for RS-232/RS-485 (see section 6.3)
28	Power Connector with Fuse	AC connector enabling power supply to the unit
29	REMOTE IR 3.5mm Mini Jack	Connect to an external IR receiver unit for controlling the machine via an IR remote controller (instead of using the front panel IR receiver) ³

¹ Usually not connected. If shielded twisted pair is used for RS-485, G may be connected to the shield

² The signal that is converted via the scaled output is the input signal that is routed to output 8

³ Optional. Can be used instead of the front panel (built-in) IR receiver to remotely control the VS-808DS (only if the internal IR connection cable has been installed)

5 Installing on a Rack

This section describes what to do before installing on a rack and how to rack mount.

Before Installing on a Rack

Before installing on a rack, be within the recommended rang				
Operating temperature range	+5 to +45 Deg. Centigrade			
Operating humidity range	5 to 65% RHL, non-condensing			
Storage temperature range	-20 to +70 Deg. Centigrade			
Storage humidity range	5 to 95% RHL, non-condensing			



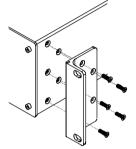
When installing on a 19" rack, avoid hazards by taking care that:

- 1 It is located within the recommended environmental conditions, as the operating ambient temperature of a closed or multi unit rack assembly may exceed the room ambient temperature.
- 2 Once rack mounted, enough air will still flow around the machine.
- 3 The machine is placed straight in the correct horizontal position.
- 4 You do not overload the circuit(s). When connecting the machine to the supply circuit, overloading the circuits might have a detrimental effect on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Refer to the appropriate nameplate ratings for information. For example, for fuse replacement, see the value printed on the product label.
- 5 The machine is earthed (grounded) in a reliable way and is connected only to an electricity socket with grounding. Pay particular attention to situations where electricity is supplied indirectly (when the power cord is not plugged directly into the socket in the wall), for example, when using an extension cable or a power strip, and that you use only the power cord that is supplied with the machine.

How to Rack Mount

To rack-mount a machine:

1 Attach both ear brackets to the machine. To do so, remove the screws from each side of the machine (5 on each side), and replace those screws through the ear brackets.



2 Place the ears of the machine against the rack ralls, and insert the proper screws (not provided) through each of the four holes in the rack ears.

Note that:

- In some models, the front panel may feature built-in rack ears
- Detachable rack ears can be removed for desktop use
- Always mount the machine in the rack before you attach any cables or connect the machine to the power
- If you are using a Kramer rack adapter kit (for a machine that is not 19"), see the Rack Adapters user manual for installation instructions (you can download it at: http://www.kramerelectronics.com)



6 Connecting the VS-808DS

To connect¹ the **VS-808DS**, as the example in Figure 2 shows, do the following²:

- 1. Connect up to eight composite video sources (for example, input 1 connected to a camera, input 3 connected to video player and input 8 connected to a DVD player) to the VIDEO INPUT BNC connectors and the AUDIO INPUT R and L RCA connectors.
- 2. Connect the eight VIDEO OUTPUT BNC connectors and the AUDIO OUTPUT R and L RCA connectors to up to eight composite video acceptors (for example, composite video recorders, TV and so on).
- 3. Connect a PC and/or controller to the RS-232 port (see section 6.1).
- 4. Connect³ the SCALER OUT HD15 connector to a VGA acceptor (for example, an LCD display).
- 5. Connect the power cord to the mains electricity (not illustrated in Figure 2).

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¹ You do not have to connect all the inputs or all the outputs

² Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VS-808DS. After connecting your VS-808DS, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

³ After connecting the power, if required, press the OUTPUT RES. button to set the scaled output resolution

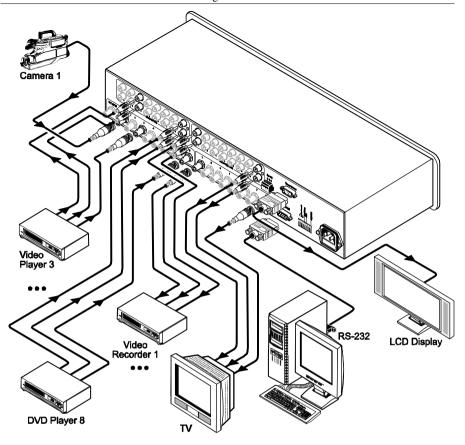


Figure 2: Connecting the VS-808DS 8x8 Video Audio Matrix Switcher / Scaler



6.1 Connecting a PC

You can connect a PC (or other controller) to the **VS-808DS** via the RS-232 port.

To connect using the Null-modem adapter provided with the machine (recommended method):

• Connect the RS-232 DB9 rear panel port on the **VS-808DS** to the Null-modem adapter and connect the Null-modem adapter with a 9-wire flat cable to the RS-232 DB9 port on your PC

To connect without using a Null-modem adapter:

• Connect the RS-232 DB9 port on your PC to the RS-232 DB9 rear panel port on the **VS-808DS**, as Figure 3 illustrates

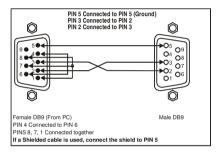


Figure 3: Connecting a PC without using a Null-modem Adapter

6.2 Connecting via RS-485

You can control a **VS-808DS** unit via an RS-485 controller, or a Master Programmable Remote Control system such as the Kramer **RC-3000**.

To connect an **RC-3000** to a **VS-808DS** unit (see Figure 4), connect the RS-485 terminal block port on the **RC-3000** to the RS-485 port on the **VS-808DS** unit, as follows:

- Connect the "A" (+) PIN on the RS-485 rear panel port of the RC-3000 to the "A" (+) PIN on the RS-485 rear panel port of the VS-808DS unit
- Connect the "B" (-) PIN on the RS-485 rear panel port of the RC-3000 to the "B" (-) PIN on the RS-485 rear panel port of the VS-808DS unit
- If shielded twisted pair cable is used, the shield may be connected to the "G" (Ground) PIN on one of the units (for example, on the RC-3000)
- Set the VS-808DS unit to a Machine # other than 1, according to Table 4, and set DIP 4 ON (for RS-485 Line Termination with 120Ω)

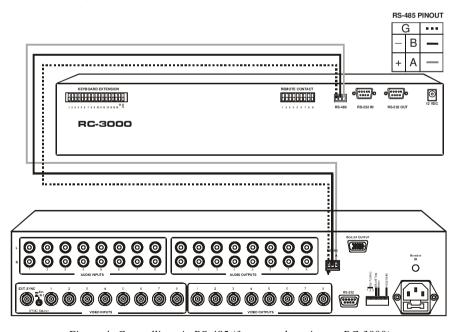


Figure 4: Controlling via RS-485 (for example, using an RC-3000)



6.3 Setting the VS-808DS Dipswitches

This section describes the machine set-up and dipswitch selection.

Figure 5 and Table 3 define the factory default dipswitches.

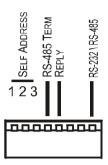


Figure 5: VS-808DS Dipswitches

Table			

DIPS	Function	Description
1, 2, 3	SELF ADDRESS	Determines the position of the machine in the input expansion configuration
4	RS-485 TERM	ON for RS-485 Line Termination OFF for no RS-485 Line Termination
5	REPLY	ON enables reply from switcher to PC OFF disables reply from switcher to PC
6, 7	RESERVED	
8	RS-232 \ RS-485	ON enables RS-232 communication between switcher and PC OFF disables reply from switcher to PC

6.3.1 Setting the SELF ADDRESS Dipswitches

The SELF ADDRESS determines the position of a **VS-808DS** unit in the sequence, specifying which **VS-808DS** unit is being controlled when several **VS-808DS** units are controlled by a PC or serial controller. Set the SELF ADDRESS on a **VS-808DS** unit via DIPS 1, 2, and 3, according to Table 4.

- When using a stand-alone **VS-808DS** unit, set the SELF ADDRESS to 1
- When connecting more than one VS-808DS unit, set the first machine (the Master) connected via RS-232, as SELF ADDRESS # 1. The Master connects to the PC via the RS-232 port. The other VS-808DS slave units (each set to a SELF ADDRESS # between 2 and 8) interconnect via their RS-485 ports to the RS-485 port on the Master

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¹ You do not have to number the units in the sequence order as they connect to the PC

Table 4: Self Address # Dipswitch Settings

MACHINE #	DIPS				
WACHINE #	1	2	3		
1 Master	ON	ON	ON		
2	OFF	ON	ON		
3	ON	OFF	ON		
4	OFF	OFF	ON		
5	ON	ON	OFF		
6	OFF	ON	OFF		
7	ON	OFF	OFF		
8	OFF	OFF	OFF		

6.3.2 Setting the REPLY Dipswitch

Dipswitch #5 (the REPLY dipswitch) enables or disables a reply from the **VS-808DS** to the PC.

Enabling the reply is usually desirable, so that the controlling device "knows" that the controlled device has carried out its instructions. When an RS-485 connection is used for communication between the Matrix Switcher and the PC, dipswitch #8 should be set to OFF. In some applications, it may be desirable for some machines not to reply to instructions received on the RS-232 and RS-485 ports. In this case, the REPLY, or acknowledgement commands should be disabled.

6.3.3 Setting the RS-232/RS-485 Dipswitch

The RS-232/RS-485 dipswitch allows you to enable RS-232 communication between the Matrix Switcher and the PC.



7 **Operating Your VS-808DS**

This section describes:

- The 7-segment display (see section 7.1)
- How to switch an input to an output (see section 7.2)
- The audio-follow-video and breakaway options (see section 7.3)
- How to confirm settings (see section 7.4)
- How to store and recall input/output configurations (see section 7.5)
- How to reset the machine (see section 7.6)

7.1 Displaying the Unit Characteristics

The **VS-808DS** 7-segment display shows the selected audio or video input switched to the marked output.

The unit's characteristics³ are displayed in the following circumstances:

- Immediately (and automatically) after switching on the power; and
- When simultaneously pressing and holding for 3 seconds the INPUT buttons:
 - 1, 2 and 3 (see section 7.6)

7.2 Selecting and Connecting an Output and/or Input

To switch an input to an output, press the desired OUTPUT button, followed by the desired INPUT button.

In addition, to:

- disconnect a video/audio Input from a specific output, press the desired OUTPUT button followed by the OFF button. To disconnect all the outputs, press the ALL button, followed by the OFF button
- connect a video/audio input to all outputs, press the ALL button followed by the INPUT button corresponding to the input that is to be routed to all the outputs

¹ When the Audio button illuminates, that is, when the audio breakaway mode is selected

² When the Video button illuminates, that is, when the video breakaway mode is selected

³ Machine model and software version

7.3 Choosing the Audio-Follow-Video or Breakaway Option

You can switch stereo audio signals in one of two ways, either:

- Audio-follow-video (AFV), in which all operations relate to both the video and the audio channels; or
- Breakaway, in which video and audio channels switch independently

7.3.1 Setting the Audio-Follow-Video Option

To set the Audio-follow-video (AFV) option press the AFV button:

- If the AUDIO and VIDEO configurations are the same, then the AFV button illuminates. The audio will follow the video
- If the AUDIO differs from the VIDEO, then the TAKE and the AUDIO buttons will flash. Also, the audio outputs in the STATUS 7-segment display, which will be changed, will flash1. Press the TAKE button to confirm the modification. The audio will follow the video

7.3.2 Setting the Breakaway Option

To set the Breakaway option:

Press either the AUDIO (for audio control only) or the VIDEO (for video control only) button:

- If the AUDIO button illuminates, switching operations relate to Audio
- If the VIDEO button illuminates, switching operations relate to Video

The STATUS window displays audio or video settings, according to your selection.

7.4 Confirming Settings

You can choose to work in the At Once or the Confirm mode. When the **VS-808DS** operates in the At Once mode, pressing an OUTPUT-INPUT combination implements the switch immediately. In the Confirm mode, the TAKE button must be pressed to authorize the switch.

The At Once Mode

In the At Once mode, you save time as execution is immediate and actions require no user confirmation. However, no protection is offered against changing an action in error.

¹ Warning that you are about to modify the audio configuration for AFV operation



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The Confirm Mode

In the Confirm mode:

- You can key-in several actions and then confirm them by pressing the TAKE button, which simultaneously activate the multiple switches
- Every action requires user confirmation, to protect against erroneous switching
- Execution is delayed until the user confirms the action

7.4.1 Toggling between the At Once and Confirm Modes

To toggle between the At Once and Confirm modes, do the following:

- 1. Press the TAKE button to toggle from the At Once mode² to the Confirm mode³.
 - Actions now require user confirmation and the TAKE button illuminates.
- 2. Press the illuminated TAKE button to toggle from the Confirm mode back to the At Once mode.
 - Actions no longer require user confirmation and the TAKE button no longer illuminates.

7.4.2 Confirming a Switching Action

To confirm a switching action (in the Confirm mode), do the following:

- Press an OUTPUT-INPUT combination.
 The corresponding input number that is displayed in the STATUS 7-segment Display blinks. The TAKE button also blinks.
- Press the blinking TAKE button to confirm the action.
 The corresponding input number that is displayed in the STATUS
 7-segment Display no longer blinks. The TAKE button illuminates.

To confirm several actions (in the Confirm mode), do the following:

- Press each OUTPUT-INPUT combination in sequence.
 The corresponding input numbers that are displayed in the STATUS 7-segment Display blink. The TAKE button also blinks.
- Press the blinking TAKE button to confirm all the actions.
 The corresponding input numbers that are displayed in the STATUS 7-segment Display no longer blink. The TAKE button illuminates.

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¹ Failure to press the TAKE button within one minute (the Timeout) will abort the action

² The TAKE button does not illuminate

³ The TAKE button illuminates

7.5 Storing/Recalling Input/Output Configurations

You can store and recall up to 8 input/output configurations (or setups) in non-volatile memory, using the INPUT SELECTOR buttons 1 to 8.

7.5.1 Storing an Input/Output Configuration

To store the current status in memory, do the following:

- Press the STO button. The STO button blinks.
- Press one of the INPUT SELECTOR buttons from 1 to 8. This will be the setup # in which the current status is stored. The memory stores the data at that reference.

7.5.2 Recalling an Input/Output Configuration

To recall an input/output configuration, do the following:

- 1. Press the RCL button. The RCL button blinks.
- Press the appropriate INPUT SELECTOR button (the INPUT SELECTOR button # corresponding to the setup #). The memory recalls the stored data from that reference.

7.5.3 **Deleting an Input/Output Configuration**

To delete an input/output configuration, do the following:

- Press the STO and RCL buttons simultaneously. Both the STO and RCL buttons blink.
- Press the appropriate INPUT SELECTOR button. This erases that specific input/output configuration from the memory, leaving it empty and available¹.

7.6 Resetting the Machine

To reset the machine, press INPUT buttons 1, 2 and 3 simultaneously. The machine resets itself and a 7-segment self-test is automatically performed.

¹ Storing a new configuration over a previous configuration (without deleting it first) replaces the previous configuration



8 Technical Specifications

Table 5 includes the technical specifications¹ of the **VS-808DS**:

Table 5: Technical Specifications of the VS-808DS

INPUTS:	8 composite video, 1Vpp/75Ω on BNC connectors				
INFOIS.	1 Sync/Video Genlock 1Vpp/75Ω with sync select switch				
	8 audio stereo on RCA connectors, 4	-			
OUTPUTS:	8 composite video, $1\text{Vpp}/75\Omega$ on BN				
0017013.	8 audio stereo, on RCA connectors,				
	1 XGA on an HD15 connector	4dBiii iioiiiiiai			
SCALED OUTPUT RESOLUTIONS:		A (1024 v 769) MIVCA (1266 v			
SCALED OUTFUT RESOLUTIONS.	VGA (640 x 480), SVGA (800 x 600), XGA (1024 x 768), WXGA (1366 x 768)				
SCALED OUTPUT REFRESH RATE:	60Hz				
MAX.OUTPUT LEVEL:	VIDEO: 2.2Vpp (CV), 0.77Vpp AUDIO: 22dBm (XGA)				
BANDWIDTH (-3dB):	VIDEO: 200MHz AUDIO: 100kHz				
DIFF. GAIN:	0.05% (CV)				
DIFF. PHASE:	0.03 Deg. (CV)				
K-FACTOR:	<0.05% (CV)				
NONLINEARITY	0.1%				
S/N RATIO:	VIDEO: 74dB (CV)	AUDIO: 88dB unweighted			
VIDEO CROSSTALK (all hostile)	-50dB @5MHz				
CONTROLS:	Manual, RS-232 or RS-485				
COUPLING:	VIDEO: DC	AUDIO: Input: AC; output: DC			
AUDIO THD + NOISE:	0.16%				
AUDIO 2 nd HARMONIC:	0.004%				
POWER SOURCE:	100-240 VAC, 50/60Hz 18 VA				
DIMENSIONS:	19-inch (W), 7-inch (D) 2U (H) rack n	nountable			
WEIGHT:	1.94 kg (4.3 lbs.) approx.				
ACCESSORIES:	Power cord, rack ears				

¹ Specifications are subject to change without notice

9 Table of Hex Codes for the Master VS-808DS

Table 6 shows the "HEX" codes for switching the master VS-808DS.

Table 6: Hex Codes for Switching the Master VS-808DS

OUT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
IN 1	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 2	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 3	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
1113	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 4	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 5	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 6	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
	81	82	83	84	81	82	83	84
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 7	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
IN 8	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
	88	88	88 83	88	88 85	88	88	88 88
	81	82		84 81	85	86	87	
	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81



10 Communication Protocol

The **VS-808DS** is compatible with Kramer's Protocol 2000 (version 0.48) (below). This RS-232/RS-485 communication protocol uses four bytes of information as defined below. For RS-232, a null-modem connection between the machine and controller is used. The default data rate is 9600 baud, with no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit.

Table 7: Protocol Definitions

MSB							LSB
	DESTI- NATION	INSTRUCTI	ON				
0	D	N5	N4	N3	N2	N1	N0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

1st byte

	INPUT						
1	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

2nd byte

	OUTPUT						
1	O6	O5	O4	O3	O2	01	O0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

3rd byte

MACHINE NUMBER							
1	OVR	Χ	M4	M3	M2	M1	M0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

4th byte

1st BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 0.

D – "DESTINATION": 0 - for sending information to the switchers (from the PC);

1 - for sending to the PC (from the switcher).

N5...N0 - "INSTRUCTION"

The function that is to be performed by the switcher(s) is defined by the INSTRUCTION (6 bits). Similarly, if a function is performed via the machine's keyboard, then these bits are set with the INSTRUCTION NO., which was performed. The instruction codes are defined according to the table below (INSTRUCTION NO. is the value to be set for N5...NO).

When switching (ie. instruction codes 1 and 2), the INPUT (7 bits) is set as the input number which is to be switched. Similarly, if switching is done via the machine's front-panel, then these bits are set with the INPUT NUMBER which was switched. For other operations, these bits are defined according to the table.

When switching (ie. instruction codes 1 and 2), the OUTPUT (7 bits) is set as the output number which is to be switched. Similarly, if switching is done via the machine's front-panel, then these bits are set with the OUTPUT NUMBER which was switched. For other operations, these bits are defined according to the table.

4th BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.

Bit 5 – Don't care.

OVR - Machine number override.

M4...M0 - MACHINE NUMBER.

Used to address machines in a system via their <u>machine numbers</u>. When several machines are controlled from a single serial port, they are usually configured together with each machine having an individual machine number. If the OVR bit is set, then all machine numbers will accept (implement) the command, and the addressed machine will reply.

For a single machine controlled via the serial port, always set M4...M0 = 1, and make sure that the machine itself is configured as MACHINE NUMBER = 1.

Table 8: Instruction Codes

Note: All values in the table are decimal, unless otherwise stated.

INSTRUCTION		DEFINITION FOR SPEC	NOTE			
#	DESCRIPTION	INPUT	OUTPUT			
0	RESET VIDEO	0	0		1	
1	SWITCH VIDEO	Set equal to video input	Set equal to vide	o output which is	2, 15	
		which is to be switched (0 = disconnect)	to be switched (0 = to all the out	nute)		
2 SWITCH AUDIO		Set equal to audio input	Set equal to audi		2	
-	0	which is to be switched	is to be switched		_	
		(0 = disconnect)	(0 = to all the out			
3	STORE VIDEO STATUS	Set as SETUP #	0 - to store		2, 3, 15	
4	DECALL VIDEO STATUS	Cot on CETUD #	1 - to delete 0		0.0.15	
5	RECALL VIDEO STATUS REQUEST STATUS OF A	Set as SETUP # Set as SETUP #	-		2, 3, 15 4, 3	
5	VIDEO OUTPUT	Get as GETOT #	status is regd		7, 0	
6	REQUEST STATUS OF AN	Set as SETUP #	Equal to output n	umber whose	4, 3	
	AUDIO OUTPUT		status is reqd			
7	VIS SOURCE	Set as input # when	0 - No VIS (imme	diate)	2, 5, 17, 18	
		OUTPUT byte = 6;	1 - Input # 1			
		OR set as output # when	2 - External digita 3 - External analo	al sync		
		OUTPUT byte = 7;	4 - Dynamic sync			
		OR	5 - Inter-machine	sync		
		set as blank period	6 - Input # (INPUT byte) 7 - Output #(INPUT byte)			
		(in steps of 25ms) when				
		OUTPUT byte = 32; OR	8 - User-defined sync 32 - RGBHV seamless switching			
		set = 0. *****	64 - Set for delayed switch 65 - Execute delayed switch 66 - Cancel delayed switch			
		_	setting		_	
8	BREAKAWAY SETTING	0	0 - audio-follow-video 1 - audio breakaway 0 - FOLLOW mode 1 - Normal mode		2	
		1			15	
		1			15	
9	VIDEO / AUDIO TYPE SETTING	0 - for video	0 - CV	4 - SDI	2	
			1 - YC	5 - CV+YC		
			2 - YUV	6 - VGA scaler		
		1 - for audio	3 - RGBS O0=0 - Unbaland	7 - DVI		
		1 - IOI audio	O0=0 - Oribalano			
			O1=0 - Digital au	udio		
			O1=1 - Analog a	udio		
			O4=0, O3=0, O2			
		2 - for VGA and DVI	O4=0, O3=0,O2=1-Stereo 1 - 640X480			
		2 - IOI VOA AIIU DVI	2 - 800X600			
			3 - 1024X768			
10	REQUEST VIS SETTING	Set as SETUP #, or	0 - VIS source		3, 4, 6, 7	
		set to 126 or 127 to	1 - Input # or out			
		request if machine has this function	2 - Vertical sync	rreq (Hz)		
11	REQUEST BREAKAWAY			o breakaway	3, 4, 6, 15	
	SETTING	set to 126 or 127 to	setting		2, 1, 0, 10	
		request if machine has this	1 - Request "FOL	LOW" setting		
		function				
12	REQUEST VIDEO / AUDIO TYPE SETTING	Set as SETUP #, or set to 126 or 127 to	0 - for video 1 - for audio		3, 4, 6	
	I TE SELLING	request if machine has this	1 - for audio 2 - for VGA			
		function	_ 101 1011			
13	SET HIGHEST MACHINE	0 - for video	Set equal to high	est machine	2	
	ADDRESS	1 - for audio	address			
14	REQUEST HIGHEST MACHINE	0 - for video	0		4	
45	ADDRESS	1 - for audio	0 famal 11 11	Control to 1 ft 1	0	
15	REQUEST WHETHER SETUP IS DEFINED / VALID INPUT IS	SETUP # or	0 - for checking if 1 - for checking if		8	
	DETECTED	Input #	1 - IOI CHECKING II	mput is valiu		
	, : : - : - : - : - : - : - : -	i conpress in				



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INSTRUCTION		DEFINITION FOR SPEC	NOTE	
#	DESCRIPTION	INPUT	OUTPUT	
16	ERROR / BUSY	For invalid / valid input (i.e. OUTPUT byte = 4 or OUTPUT byte = 5), this byte is set as the input #	0 - error 1 - invalid instruction 2 - out of range 3 - machine busy 4 - invalid input 5 - valid input	9, 25
17	RESERVED	-	-	10
18	RESET AUDIO	0	0	1
19	STORE AUDIO STATUS	Set as SETUP #	0 - to store 1 - to delete	2, 3
20	RECALL AUDIO STATUS	Set as SETUP #	0	2, 3
21	SET VIDEO PARAMETER	Equal to input / output number whose video parameter is to be set (0 = all)	Set as parameter value	2, 11, 24
22	SET AUDIO PARAMETER	Equal to input / output number whose parameter is to be set (0 = all)	Set as parameter value	2, 11, 24
23	INCREASE / DECREASE VIDEO PARAMETER	Equal to input / output number whose video parameter is to be increased / decreased (0 = all)	0 - increase video gain 1 - decrease video gain 2 - increase contrast 3 - decrease contrast 4 - increase brightness 5 - decrease brightness 6 - increase colour 7 - decrease colour 8 - increase hue 9 - decrease hue 16 - increase H-phase 17 - decrease H-phase 18 - increase V-position 19 - decrease V-position	24
24	INCREASE / DECREASE AUDIO PARAMETER	ASE / DECREASE AUDIO Equal to input / output 0 - increase output		24
25	REQUEST AUDIO PARAMETER	Equal to input / output number whose parameter is requested	0	6, 24
26	REQUEST VIDEO PARAMETER	Equal to input / output number whose video parameter is requested	0	6, 24
30	LOCK FRONT PANEL	0 - Panel unlocked 0 1 - Panel locked		2
31	REQUEST WHETHER PANEL IS LOCKED	0	0	16
32 to 35	RESERVED	-	-	10
40	DIRECT MEMORY SAVE	Memory address	Data	20
42	AUDIO PARAMETER SETTINGS FOR INSTRUCTIONS 22, 24, 25	INPUT Bit: 10=input; 1=output 11 - Left 12 - Right	0 - Gain 1 - Bass 2 - Treble 3 - Midrange 4 - Mix On	24

INS	TRUCTION	DEFINITION FOR SPE	NOTE		
#	DESCRIPTION	INPUT	OUTPUT		
43	VIDEO PARAMETER SETTINGS FOR INSTRUCTIONS 21, 23, 26	1 – Input 2 – Output	0 - video gain 1 - contrast 2 - brightness 3 - colour 4 - hue 5 - H-phase 6 - V-position	24	
44	MEDIA CONTROL	Set equal to switch number	Switch data		
45	REQUEST MEDIA CONTROL SETTINGS	Set equal to switch number	0		
56	CHANGE TO ASCII	0	1 - SVS protocol 2 - Generic protocol	19	
57	SET AUTO-SAVE	I3 - no save I4 - auto-save	0	12, 2	
58	EXECUTE LOADED DATA	Set as 0, or as SETUP #.	1-Take 2-Cancel	22, 3	
59	LOAD VIDEO DATA	Set equal to video input (0 = disconnect) (127 = load SETUP #)	Set equal to video output (0 = to all the outputs) or SETUP #	22, 23	
60	LOAD AUDIO DATA	Set equal to audio input (0 = disconnect) (127 = load SETUP #)	Set equal to audio output (0 = to all the outputs) or SETUP #	22, 23	
61	IDENTIFY MACHINE	video machine name audio machine name video software version audio software version RS422 controller name RS422 controller version remote control name remote software version 9 - retoto	Request first 4 digits Request first suffix Request second suffix Request third suffix Request first prefix Request second prefix Request third prefix	13	
62	DEFINE MACHINE	1 - number of inputs 2 - number of outputs 3 - number of setups	1 - for video 2 - for audio 3 - for SDI 4 - for remote panel 5 - for RS-422 controller	14	
63	S on the above table:	7 MSBs for INPUT data	7 MSBs for OUTPUT data	20	

NOTES on the above table:

NOTE 1 - When the master switcher is reset, (e.g. when it is turned on), the reset code is sent to the PC. If this code is sent to the switchers, it will reset according to the present power-down settings.

NOTE 2 - These are bi-directional definitions. That is, if the switcher receives the code, it will perform the instruction; and if the instruction is performed (due to a keystroke operation on the front panel), then these codes are sent. For example, if the HEX code

01 85 88 83

was sent from the PC, then the switcher (machine 3) will switch input 5 to output 8. If the user switched input 1 to output 7 via the front panel keypad, then the switcher will send HEX codes:

41 81 87 83

to the PC.

When the PC sends one of the commands in this group to the switcher, then, if the instruction is valid, the switcher replies by sending to the PC the same four bytes that it was sent (except for the first byte, where the DESTINATION bit is set high).

NOTE 3 - SETUP # 0 is the present setting. SETUP # 1 and higher are the settings saved in the switcher's memory, (i.e. those used for Store and Recall).

NOTE 4 - The reply to a "REQUEST" instruction is as follows: the same instruction and INPUT codes as were sent are returned, and the OUTPUT is assigned the value of the requested parameter. The replies to instructions 10 and 11 are as per the definitions in instructions 7 and 8 respectively. For example, if the present status of machine number 5 is breakaway setting, then the reply to the HEX code

0B 80 80 85 would be HEX codes 4B 80 81 85



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NOTE 5 - For the OUTPUT byte set as 6, the VIS source is the input selected using the OUTPUT byte. Similarly, for the OUTPUT byte set as 7, the VIS source is the output selected using the OUTPUT byte. Note also, that on some machines the sync source is not software selectable, but is selected using switches, jumpers, etc!

NOTE 6 - If INPUT is set to 127 for these instructions, then, if the function is defined on this machine, it replies with OUTPUT=1. If the function is not defined, then the machine replies with OUTPUT=0, or with an error (invalid instruction code).

If the INPUT is set to 126 for these instructions, then, if possible, the machine will return the current setting of this function, even for the case that the function is not defined. For example, for a video switcher which always switches during the VIS of input #1, (and its VIS setting cannot be programmed otherwise), the reply to the HEX code

0Ā FE 81 (ie. request VIS setting, with INPUT set as 126dec)

would be HEX codes

FF 81

44 81 (ie. VIS setting = 1, which is defined as VIS from input #1).

NOTE 7 - Setting OUTPUT to 0 will return the VIS source setting as defined in instruction #7. Setting to 1 will return the input # or output # of the sync source (for the case where the VIS source is set as 6 or as 7 in instruction #7). Setting to 2 returns the vertical sync frequency (0 for no input sync, 50 for PAL, 60 for NTSC, 127 for error).

NOTE 8 - The reply is as in TYPE 3 above, except that here the OUTPUT is assigned with the value 0 if the setup is not defined / no valid input is detected; or 1 if it is defined / valid input is detected.

NOTE 9 - An error code is returned to the PC if an invalid instruction code was sent to the switcher, or if a parameter associated with the instruction is out of range (e.g. trying to save to a setup greater than the highest one, or trying to switch an input or output greater than the highest one defined). This code is also returned to the PC if an RS-232 instruction is sent while the machine is being programmed via the front panel. Reception of this code by the switcher is not valid.

NOTE 10 - This code is reserved for internal use.

NOTE 11 - For machines where the video and / or audio parameter is programmable.

NOTE 12 - Under normal conditions, the machine's present status is saved each time a change is made. The "power-down" save (auto-save) may be disabled using this code. Note that whenever the machine is turned on, the auto-save function is set.

NOTE 13 - This is a request to identify the switcher/s in the system. If the OUTPUT is set as 0, and the INPUT is set as 1, 2, 5 or 7, the machine will send its name. The reply is the decimal value of the INPUT and OUTPUT. For example, for a 2216, the reply to the request to send the audio machine name would be (HEX codes):

81 (i.e. 128dec+ 22dec for 2nd byte, and 128dec+ 16dec for 3rd byte).

If the request for identification is sent with the INPUT set as 3 or 4, the appropriate machine will send its software version number. Again, the reply would be the decimal value of the INPUT and OUTPUT - the INPUT representing the number in front of the decimal point, and the OUTPUT representing the number after it. For example, for version 3.5, the reply to the request to send the version number would be (HEX codes):

> 7D 83

81 (i.e. 128dec+ 3dec for 2nd byte, 128dec+ 5dec for 3rd byte).

If the OUTPUT is set as 1, then the ASCII coding of the lettering following the machine's name is sent. For example, for the VS-7588YC, the reply to the request to send the first suffix would be (HEX codes):

7D

D9

C3

81 (i.e. 128dec+ ASCII for "Y"; 128dec+ ASCII for "C").

NOTE 14 - The number of inputs and outputs refers to the specific machine which is being addressed, not to the system. For example, if six 16X16 matrices are configured to make a 48X32 system (48 inputs, 32 outputs), the reply to the HEX code

82 82 (ie. request the number of outputs)

would be HEX codes 7E

82

90

82

ie. 16 outputs

NOTE 15 - When the OVR bit (4th byte) is set, then the "video" commands have universal meaning. For example, instruction 1 (SWITCH VIDEO) will cause all units (including audio, data, etc.) to switch. Similarly, if a machine is in "FOLLOW" mode, it will perform any "video" instruction.

NOTE 16 - The reply to the "REQUEST WHETHER PANEL IS LOCKED" is as in NOTE 4 above, except that here the OUTPUT is assigned with the value 0 if the panel is unlocked, or 1 if it is locked.

NOTE 17 - For clean switching of RGBHV video, the "seamless switching" option may be used. The blanking period for the transition of the RGB sources may be set in this case, in steps of 25 milliseconds.

For example, to set for 350ms blanking time (14 steps), send HEX codes

07

8E

40

81

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NOTE 18 – Delayed execution allows switching after a delay dictated by RS-232. To do this, the user sends instruction 7 with the "Set for delayed switch" option (64dec) before sending the switch command (instruction 1) or pressing via front panel. The switch is not executed (unless timed-out) until the "Execute delayed switch" code is sent, or the "Set for delayed switch" code is sent again. (The mode is automatically cancelled after implementation of the switch if the "execute" command is used).

For example, to connect input 4 to output 3 after a delay, send HEX codes

07 80 C0 81 (set for delayed switch)
01 84 83 81 (switch code)
then, after the required delay, send HEX codes

07 80 C1 81 (execute delayed switch)

to implement the switch.

NOTE 19 – After this instruction is sent, the unit will respond to the ASCII command set defined by the OUTPUT byte. The ASCII command to operate with the HEX command set must be sent in order to return to working with HEX codes.

NOTE 20 – When data (ie. the INPUT and/or OUTPUT bytes) of more than 7 bits is required, this instruction is sent before sending the instruction needing the additional bits. The data in this intruction then becomes the Most Significant Bits of that next instruction. For example, to set the audio gain (instruction 22) of output 3 to 681dec (2A9hex), you would first send HEX codes

3F 80 85 81 and then send HEX codes

To set the audio gain of output 6 to 10013dec (271Dhex), first send HEX codes

3F 80 CE 81 followed by HEX codes 16 86 9D 81.

NOTE 21 – To store data in the non-volatile memory of the unit, eg. the EEPROM for saving SETUPS. The EEPROM address is sent using the INPUT byte, and the data to be stored is sent using the OUTPUT byte. To use this instruction, it is necessary to understand the memory map, and memory structure of the particular machine.

NOTE 22 – Instruction 59 and instruction 60 load data for sending to the crosspoint switcher (or for storing in a SETUP), ie. the data is "lined-up" to be executed later. Instruction 58 executes the loaded data.

NOTE 23 – If the INPUT byte is set as 127dec, then the data stored in a SETUP is loaded. The SETUP # is in the OUTPUT byte.

NOTE 24 – Further information needed in instructions 21, 22, 25 and 26, is sent using instruction 42 – which is sent prior to the instruction. For example, to request the audio gain value of right input #9, send hex codes

2A 84 80 8 and then send HEX codes

19 89 81 81.

To set MIX mode, send hex codes

2A 81 84 81 and then send HEX codes 16

NOTE 25 – For units which detect the validity of the video inputs, Instruction 16 will be sent whenever the unit detects a change in the state of an input (in real-time).

For example, if input 3 is detected as invalid, the unit will send the HEX codes

10 83 84 81

If input 7 is detected as valid, then the unit will send HEX codes



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